

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Twice Amended) A local drug delivery apparatus comprising:

a medical device for implantation into a treatment site of a living organism;

at least one agent in therapeutic dosages incorporated in a polymeric matrix and affixed to the medical device for the treatment of reactions by the living organism caused by the medical device or the implantation thereof; and

a lubricious material for preventing the at least one agent from separating from the medical device prior to implantation of the medical device at the treatment site, the lubricious material being affixed to at least one of the medical device or a delivery system for the medical device.

52. (Amended) A local drug delivery apparatus comprising:

a medical device for implantation into a treatment site of a living organism;

at least one agent in therapeutic dosages incorporated in a polymeric matrix and affixed to the medical device for the treatment of reactions by the living organism caused by the medical device or the implantation thereof; and

a water soluble powder for preventing the at least one agent from separating from the medical device prior to implantation of the medical device at the treatment site, the water soluble material being affixed to at least one of the medical device or a delivery system for the medical device.

REMARKS

In response to the Final Office Action mailed February 12, 2003, Applicants amend their application and request reconsideration in view of the amendments and the following remarks in this Reply/Amendment. Claims 1 and 52 were amended, no claims were added or cancelled, so that Claims 1-8, 10-13 and 15-52 remain pending with Claims 18-51 subject to restriction. No new matter has been added.